

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

19 AUGUST 1961

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THE BERLIN SITUATION

Soviet propaganda reaction to the Western measures announced yesterday has not yet set in. Moscow Radio has so far reported the Vice President's visit without comment.

The East Germans are continuing to solidify physical controls at the sector and zonal borders, and are engaging in sporadic harassment of Western visitors to East Berlin.

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Ulbricht's speech yesterday, largely a display of bombastic self-assurance, also betrayed underlying concern about his subjects' reaction, saying: "For some time there will continue to exist in the GDR capital and its environs people who have allowed themselves to be influenced and depraved by West Berlin."

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350 doctors from East Berlin and Potsdam have fled to the West in the past few days. Total refugee registration since 13 August is 492.

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Communist military planning calls for the addition of three elite divisions, to be stationed in the western part of East Germany, to Soviet forces by the end of October, and the bringing of East German divisions to full strength in the next eight weeks.

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1. Congo



Adoula has returned to Leopoldville apparently having secured Gizenga's support for the central government without making major concessions. On Thursday, Gizenga, in Adoula's presence, told foreign diplomats in Stanleyville that the two had reached agreement, that he would take up his post as vice premier, and that the diplomats would be accredited to Leopoldville. Adoula said, however, that the establishment of relations would depend on the "behavior" of the governments concerned. The focus will probably now turn to Tshombé.

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2. Mikoyan Angers Japanese



Both the government and press have been provoked by his pressure tactics, and he appears to have succeeded in lessening the prospects for better Soviet-Japanese relations. The ruling Liberal-Democratic party has formally denounced him, while the major dailies have branded his comments on the US-Japanese security treaty interference in Japan's internal affairs. However, Mikoyan may have made some points with the business community with his pitch for increased trade.

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NOTES

A. French troops clashed with Tunisian demonstrators in Bizerte last night, but there was no gunfire. Bourguiba had called for a three-day protest leading up to the UN special session on Monday and had warned that the French will be "answered by force" if they interfere. [REDACTED]

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B. [REDACTED] South Vietnam [REDACTED]
Communists are planning a spate of terrorist acts to begin today. They would include attacks on Americans in Saigon.

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C. Among the French units to be returned from Algeria, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], will be some armored units, headed by trustworthy officers, earmarked for the personal protection of De Gaulle. [REDACTED]

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D. Our ambassador in Panama City reports that President Chiari has a two-fold aim in seeking a White House invitation for September: a) to discuss treaty revision in general terms, and b) to cover himself politically prior to the October meeting of his legislature. [REDACTED]

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E. Frondizi's meeting with Guevara yesterday has stirred up the Argentine military. The service secretaries have offered their resignation in protest, according to wide-spread rumors. [REDACTED]

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